

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

School of Library and Information Studies College of Communication and Information Sciences

DIRECTOR

The University of Alabama invites nominations and applications for the position of Director of the School of Library and Information Studies. The mission of the School of Library and Information Studies is to advance the theory, art, and practice of professions specializing in the use of information and the creation of information in recorded form.

The successful candidate will provide vision and leadership in support of excellence in the School's teaching, research, and service missions, effectively communicate with the School's internal and external constituents, and foster a collegial atmosphere that encourages shared goals, supports collaborative governance, and supports the School's interactions with all units within the College of Communication and Information Sciences.

The Director is responsible for academic and administrative vision and leadership; fiscal and personnel management; oversight of curricular planning, implementation, and evaluation; and advancement of the School's research mission. The Director plays an active role in shaping the academic future of the School and in recruiting students. The Director represents the School to the broader academic and professional community, plays a central role in maintaining active and positive relationships with alumni, and guides the School's fund-raising and development activities. As a faculty member, the Director is responsible for teaching, research, and service to the profession as well as to the School, College, and University.

Essential qualifications include evidence of:

- creative, transformative, and inclusive leadership abilities
- a research and teaching record appropriate to appointment at the rank of professor
- ability to recruit, sustain, and retain faculty and staff
- commitment to academic excellence
- ability to effectively represent the School within the College and University, to prospective and current students, to alumni, and to external organizations, agencies, and other constituents
- commitment to diversity
- an earned doctorate in an academic discipline relevant to library and information studies

The School of Library and Information Studies is one of five academic units within the College of Communication and Information Sciences, working collaboratively with the departments of Advertising and Public Relations, Communication Studies, Journalism, and Telecommunication and Film. The School offers a Master of Library and Information Studies program accredited by the American Library Association, a Master of Fine Arts in the Book Arts accredited by the

National Association of Schools of Art and Design, and a concentration in Library and Information Studies within the interdisciplinary doctoral program in Communication and Information Sciences. The School offers courses in Tuscaloosa, at The University of Alabama Gadsden Center, and on the campus of Samford University in Birmingham. The School, in collaboration with the College of Continuing Studies, offers an innovative synchronous online program designed to reach a national cohort and a regional cohort.

The School, located on the fifth floor of Gorgas Library in the heart of The University of Alabama campus, is home to fourteen full-time faculty members and four full-time staff members. Enrollment in the MLIS program exceeded 250 in the fall of 2009, with a total enrollment of 300. From summer 2009 through spring 2010 the School awarded 106 MLIS degrees and three MFA degrees. Additional information can be found at <http://www.slis.ua.edu/>.

The University of Alabama, established in 1831, is located in Tuscaloosa, a city of approximately 80,000 located on the Black Warrior River approximately fifty miles from Birmingham, within driving distance of Atlanta, Memphis, Nashville, New Orleans, the Gulf Coast, and the Great Smoky Mountains. Tuscaloosa is the commercial and health sciences center of west Alabama and hosts operations of B. F. Goodrich, Mercedes-Benz, JVC, Radcispanex, and other industries. The DCH Health System provides four medical centers in Tuscaloosa County, which is also home to a Veterans Administration Hospital and the Bryce and Partlow hospitals for mentally challenged patients. In addition to The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa is home to Stillman College and Shelton State Community College. There is an active arts, music, cultural, and recreational environment (more community information can be found at <http://www.tcvb.org/>).

Compensation is competitive and is accompanied by a generous benefits package.

Applications, including a letter and CV including names and contact information for three references, should be addressed to Dr. Danny P. Wallace, Professor and EBSCO Chair of Library Service, Search Committee Chair, School of Library & Information Studies, The University of Alabama, Box 870252, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0252. Applicants must also apply online at <https://facultyjobs.ua.edu>.

Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and will be accepted until the position is filled.

The University of Alabama is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer.

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled